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SUBJ: FISHERIES: CANADA-USSR TALKS LEAD TO REOPENING OF  
ATLANTIC PORTS

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1. FOLLOWING A MEETING IN OTTAWA SEPT 26 BETWEEN EXTAFF  
MINISTER MACEACHEN AND SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO  
THE FOLLOWING CANADA-USSR JOINT COMMUNIQUE ON FISHERIES  
WAS RELEASED:

BEGIN TEXT. THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FISHERIES OF  
CANADA, THE HONOURABLE ROMEO LEBLANC, AND THE FIRST  
VICE-MINISTER OF FISHERIES FOR UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST  
REPUBLICS, MR. V. M. KAMENTSEV, ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT  
OFFICIALS OF THE CANADIAN AND SOVIET GOVERNMENTS HAVE  
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ELABORATED A BILATERAL AD REFERENDUM AGREEMENT ON

FISHERIES MATTERS.

THE AGREEMENT WILL NOW BE REFERRED TO THE TWO GOVERNMENTS FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL. IT PROVIDES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CANADA/USSR JOINT FISHERIES CONSULTATIVE COMMISSION AND THE APPOINTMENT OF A SOVIET FISHERIES OFFICIAL IN HALIFAX. THESE ARRANGEMENTS ARE INTENDED TO STRENGTHEN BILATERAL FISHERIES CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES IN THE NORTHWEST ATLANTIC.

MR. LEBLANCE ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT CANADA'S ATLANTIC PORTS WILL BE OPEN TO VESSELS OF THE SOVIET FISHING FLEET, IN ACCORDANCE WITH RELEVANT CANADIAN LAWS AND REGULATIONS, AS OF SEPT 29, 1975.

MR. KAMENTSEV EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH THESE DEVELOPMENTS. HE STATED THAT THE USSR SUPPORTS THE PRINCIPLE OF RATIONAL, SCIENTIFICALLY-BASED UTILIZATION OF FISHERY RESOURCES AND SHARES CANADA'S CONCERN REGARDING THE URGENT CONSERVATION NEEDS OF THE FISH STOCK OF THE NORTHWEST ATLANTIC, AND INDICATED THAT THE SOVIET DELEGATION SUPPORTS CANADA'S PROPOSALS FOR A REDUCTION IN FISHING EFFORT AND LOWER TOTAL ALLOWABLE CATCHES FOR CERTAIN STOCKS OF GROUND FISH IN CRITICAL CONDITION, AS WELL AS APPROPRIATE ALLOCATIONS OF ALLOWABLE CATCHES AMONG COUNTRIES. THESE PROPOSALS ARE NOW BEING CONSIDERED BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR THE NORTHWEST ATLANTIC FISHERIES (ICNAF).

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AGREED RECORD OF UNDERSTANDING ISSUED AFTER THE CANADA/USSR FISHERIES TALKS OF AUGUST 25 TO 27, 1975, MR. LEBLANCE AND MR. KAMENTSEV REAFFIRMED THE READINESS OF THE TWO GOVERNMENTS TO HAVE THEIR OFFICIALS MEET AT AN EARLY OPPORTUNITY IN ORDER TO CONSIDER THE ELABORATION OF A FURTHER BILATERAL AGREEMENT ON FISHERIES CO-OPERATION. END TEXT.

2. TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL OF SEPTEMBER 27 REPORTED THAT MINISTER MACEACHEN SAID HE WAS SURPRISED AND UNCLASSIFIED

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DELIGHTED AT THE EARLY AGREEMENT AND SAID HE REGARDED IT AS "THE MOST IMPORTANT SINGLE DEVELOPMENT IN THE FISHERIES FIELD THAT WE HAVE BEEN WORKING ON YET." JOHNSON

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